

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): An electrostatic latent image carrier used in an image forming apparatus for an imaging system, comprising a dielectric layer, wherein charge is transferred that is electrified or de-electrified by transfer of charges between said dielectric layer and a charge-transfer controlling means so as to apply charge to or remove charge from said dielectric layer, wherein

on a front layer of said dielectric layer has a low-resistance layer formed on the outer surface thereof, said low-resistance layer comprises a large, a number of electrically conductive portions electrified or de-electrified by transfer of charges between said dielectric layer and said charge-transfer controlling means are formed as a low-resistance layer in which, charge is transferred between said conductive portions and said charge transfer controlling means so as to apply charge to or remove charge from said conductive portions, and said electrically conductive portions are independently and discretely arranged to be dispersed separately from each other in an outer surface of said dielectric layer, and

an electrical resistance of said low-resistance layer has an anisotropy such that resistance of said low-resistance layer in a longitudinal direction orthogonal to a plane direction is less than resistance of said low-resistance layer in the plane direction.

2. (currently amended): An electrostatic latent image carrier used in an image forming